(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for non-supply of medicines to States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Vitamin A solution and Iron and Folic Acid (IFA) tablets are supplied to States/U.Ts. regularly as part of Drug Kit 'A' to Sub-centers. These items are not supplied to the Anganwadis under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme by the Department of Family Welfare. However, States/U.Ts. have been requested to involve the ICDS Workers in the distribution of these items. The number of Drug kits. 'A' supplied to States/U.Ts. during 1995-96 was 215264, 264570 in 1996-97, 267000 in 1997-98 and 303603 in 1998-99.

Notifications regarding sale of iodised salt

274. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 701, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 2000 and state:

(a) whether, after issuing the notification dated 10th May, 2000 inviting public comments to withdraw the restriction regarding sale of iodised salt only for direct human consumption as per amendment made in PFA Rules *w.e.f.* 27th May, 1998, Government had issued any new notification; and

(b) if so, what is the content of that notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Ministry have issued a final notification *vide* GSR No. 716(E) dated 13-9-2000 withdrawing, with effect from 30-9-2000, the restrictions which were imposed on sale on common salt for direct human consumption *vide* GSR. No. 670(E) dated 27-11-1997.